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Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission to Dedicate Addition *Bullitt County preserve protects rare Kentucky gladecress*

Frankfort, Ky. (September 12, 2013) – The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) recently purchased their first addition to the Apple Valley Glade State Nature Preserve in Bullitt County. The 23 acre Perkins Tract was dedicated during the September 12 commission meeting.

The Apple Valley Glade State Nature Preserve (SNP) is a unique limestone glade and woodland system with many rare plant species, especially for its size. The rarest of these, the Kentucky gladecress, a state endangered species, grows only in a small area along the Salt River and nowhere else in the world. The site is also part of a larger complex of dolomitic (a type of limestone) glades and barrens, which could potentially be connected together to protect a much larger landscape of native plant communities.

The addition was purchased using Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Funds (KHLCHF), which utilizes proceeds from the sale of "Nature's Finest" license plates.

The public can assist in these conservation efforts by purchasing a "Nature's Finest" license plate for an additional \$10 above the cost of a regular license plate and is a tax deductible donation. The KHLCHF has reintroduced three of its most popular nature plates; the bobcat, viceroy butterfly and cardinal. Proceeds from the sale of "Nature's Finest" plates go towards purchasing natural areas in Kentucky that will be permanently preserved for future generations.

Discover more about KSNPC through our website: <http://naturepreserves.ky.gov> or Facebook page: <http://facebook.com/ksnpc>. Information about the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund and their mission can be obtained through their website: <http://heritageland.ky.gov>.

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